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September 17 2008 Meeting Minutes

Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes - Final September 17, 2008

Present: Sheri Baron, Marliisa Briggett, Christine Carney, Vice Chair, Vita Cohen, Chair, Nick Minton, Nancy Rhoads, Marlene Schultz, Bill Shea, Nancy Sweeney

Absent: Christine Deshler, Jorge Loayza

Open Forum – There were no guests this evening.

Review of August Minutes – Chair Minton made a motion to accept the August Minutes as amended – motion seconded by Commissioner Carney – there were two abstentions.

Race and Place Dialogue Series Update – Commissioner Carney will provide copies of a flyer for Town Day distribution – the DVD of the program will run throughout the day – Laura Weiner has sent the invitations to group heads inviting them to attend the program. All commissioners are encouraged to also attend these sessions.

Please note that **The Housing Corporation of Arlington** will have former Governor Michael Dukakis speak at the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Networks and Coalitions –

Arlington Common Threads update – (ACT) – because of Town Day planning there will be no meeting this month.

MAHRC update – no report this month..

Incident and Complaints –

Regular and certified letters stating that the commission voted to accept reasonable cause for the Colonial Village complaint have been mailed to both parties. There has been no response from either party at this time (9/10/08 - 14 days notice has not come to pass as yet.)

Bikeway graffiti incident – an anonymous caller reported racist graffiti on the bikeway in the Heights area – the commission took no action on this incident but questioned the annual town costs to have graffiti cleaned. Commissioner Baron suggested the HRC create a monthly 'blue box' in the Advocate to give the public an accounting of incidents and AHRC notes.

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Subcommittee Reports –

Dialogues – Commissioner Carney will create a flyer for Town Day distribution.

Bullying Dialogue is set for December 3rd at Robbins Library.

January Dialogue - *(date to be announced)*

Disabilities Dialogue – March 4th

Schools – there was discussion of an appropriate time to get reinvolved with the school department – with so much going on it is not a priority at this time.

Policies and Procedures – no report this month

Rapid Response/Publicity – listing is in the process of being updated.

Other Business –

Town Day – assignments, time slots, agenda for the day in order. Hopefully the weather will be warm and sunny.

New Appointments – still being processed.

The next AHRC meeting will be held at the Emergency Operation Center at the Arlington Police Headquarters at 8:00 p.m. on October 15th.

Chair Minton moved to adjourn. Commissioner Carney seconded. The meeting was concluded.

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